



Springfield Park District Police Department

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Springfield Park District Police Department set to begin enforcing new cell phone Laws

Springfield, IL- The Springfield Park District Police inform the public that beginning July 1, 2019, they will begin to enforce new “Electronic Communication Device” Laws, from House Bill 4846. We still encourage all users of any cell phone games such as Pokémon Go to feel free to play in the Parks, but for the safety of yourselves and others, abide by Laws put in place by the State of Illinois. Our officers will be watching for cell phone use inside a vehicle while on their regular patrols. To play Pokémon we recommend the driver stop in the closest designated parking space and place the vehicle in park.

This Bill is an addition to Section 5 of the Illinois Vehicle Code. You may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device; however, you may be parked on the shoulder of a roadway to use an electronic communication device. The Bill also states that the fine that is applied will increase, “A person who violates this Section shall be fined a maximum of \$75 for a first offense, \$100 for a second offense, \$125 for a third offense, and \$150 for a fourth or subsequent offense.”

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact the Springfield Park District Police Department at (217) 698-6030.

Definition

Electronic

Communication Device –

an electronic device, including but not limited to a hand-held wireless telephone, hand-held personal digital assistant, or a portable or mobile computer, but does not include a global positioning system or navigation system or a device that is physically or electronically integrated into the motor vehicle.

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